# AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT May 2009



#### A AIRPORT OPERATIONS

- Passenger Count
- Aircraft Operations
- Air Freight

The passenger count for April, 62,327 was down 9.1% compared with April 2008. The total passenger count year-to-date, 228,760 was down 12.7% compared to the same period last year.

#### **B PROGRAMS**

#### 1. Air Service

Currently there are 36 daily departures from SBA to nine nonstops compared with 11 departures to three non-stops from San Luis Obispo; 5 departures to two non-stops from Santa Maria; and 4 departures to one non-stop from Oxnard.

Staff Contact: Terri Gibson, 692-6004

## 2. Communications Program

## a. Airline Terminal Project Public Outreach

- 1. Sign boards will be erected at the Terminal showing a diagram of the Phase I construction changes as well as the new Terminal conceptual drawing.
- **2.** A flyer is being distributed from the parking kiosks in advance of the May 17 closure of the current short term parking lot and auto-pay system that will become operational when short and long term parking are combined into the existing long term lot.

## b. New FlySBA.Com Website Development

Staff continues to update and add new content to the website, including new features and imagery. The homepage header design is under development.

#### c. WWII Memorial Dedication

A ceremony will take place on May 21 at 2pm at the Vista Point to commemorate the newly constructed WWII monument. It is being dedicated to the Marine Corps VMF groups that trained at SBA and the local aviators that made the ultimate sacrifice and have Airport streets named for them. Some Airport streets have gone away over the years, but the memorial lists all the names.

#### d. Promotional Item This Month

MTD busboards, water bill inserts, SB Conference & Visitors Bureau website co-op ads, and magazine ads for commercial airline service at SBA.

## e. Airport Visitors Center Activity

352 students from seven schools representing three school districts received aviation career information in April. Five GA clubs held meetings at the Center during the month as well as a FAA safety meeting.

# f. Airline Terminal Comment Card Program

73 cards were collected from the holdrooms and main lobby in April. Comments included complaints about passenger congestion in the Terminal at peak travel times and requests for free Wi-Fi service.

# g. FlySBA.Com Website Statistics

There were 22,535 sessions recorded in April representing 242,707 hits on the website. The Airport Information Guide was by far the most downloaded document.

Staff Contact: Terri Gibson, 692-6004

## 3. Airport Noise Abatement Program

Planned completion date: Summer 2009

Five potential sites for new noise monitoring terminals were selected and sought by Airport Staff. Airport Staff has received initial concurrence from the County for an additional noise monitoring terminal site, on Ward Drive near Rancho Goleta Mobile Home Park. The Ward Drive site is important in that it is the only potential site located in the vicinity of the 65 CNEL Airport Noise contour.

The request for an installation at La Patera Elementary School was declined, and other locations requested in the City of Goleta and the County was not favorably received. After evaluating the quality of data received from the new flight tracking system, staff feels that seeking additional noise monitoring sites (other than the site near the 65 CNEL at Ward drive) is not necessary. The improved flight tracking information received from the new flight tracking system combined with the information from an additional monitor near the 65 CNEL will meet the objectives of the Noise Compatibility Program. Staff is in the process of submitting an application for a Coastal Development Permit from the County of

Santa Barbara for the installation of the noise monitoring terminal site near Ward Drive. County encroachment permit has been approved and has been submitted as part of the Coastal Development permit package. We expect an approximate six month turnaround from coastal commission.

Staff Contact: Tracy Lincoln, 967 - 7111

## 4. Property Management

## a. Self-Service Fueling Project

MAG Aviation is preparing design and construction documents for the self-service fuel facility. The Coastal Commission has received the Airport's request for a zoning change. This project will require a Coastal Development Permit for construction. Prior to issuance of a Coastal Development Permit, the California Coastal Commission will need to approve the City's rezone of the old Forest Service Ramp. Airport Staff anticipate this approval in the next 3-months.

Staff Contact: Hazel Johns, 692-6003

# b. Airport Ambassador Recruitment

The Ambassador program began April 6. Applications for Ambassadors to volunteer at the Airline Terminal are still available.

Staff Contact: Rebecca Fribley, 692-6022

#### C CAPITAL PROJECTS

# 1. Airport Terminal Improvement project

Planned Completion Date: 2011

The first project in association with Terminal improvements, the SBA Terminal Ramp & Taxiway B Relocation Construction Project, was awarded to Granite Construction on July 22, 2008. Construction is approximately 99% complete with this portion of the project.

An Award of Contract was made by City Council on March 24 for the second project in association with the Terminal improvements, the SBA Temporary Facilities & Site Preparation Project. Lash Construction is the Contractor. An Award of contract was also made by City Council for the Airline Terminal Building portion of the project. \$60 Million (14.1M AIP Grant, 5.8M PFCs, 34.5M Bond Funds, 1.0M Airport Funds) EMMA Corporation will be the Contractor. Construction for the Temporary Facilities contract has started and the Terminal contract work will begin in late August.

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Laurie Owens, 692-6023

# 2. ASP Wetland Mitigation Plan

Planned Completion Date: 2009

## **ASP Wetlands Mitigation Plan**

Mitigation associated with the Airfield Safety Projects at a ratio of 4:1.

- Area I Restoration Completed
- Remainder of Mitigation Plan The design contract was approved by the City Council on March 24, 2009, and the consultants have begun the design work. The Tidal Restoration work is scheduled to be completed in 2009.

Staff Contact: Owen Thomas, 692-6018

# 3. Goleta Slough Tidal Circulation Demonstration Project

Planned Completion Date: January 2009

This project was modified to restore tidal action to one Goleta Slough basin instead of two basins, due to cost. The Airport has received a Coastal Development Permit amendment from the Coastal Commission for the modified experiment. Construction began in September and was completed in October 2005. Surveys to measure bird activity, vegetation establishment and invertebrate communities was completed in November 2008. Staff has received approval from the California Coastal Commission to extend the reporting period until December 2009. The final report from URS was provided in mid-January 2009 and reviewed by staff. It will be forwarded to FAA and USDA for their review. Staff took a contract to City Council for design of the final tidal mitigation area required for the Airfield Safety Projects in March 2009.

URS Corporation \$348,330 (work that is continuing.)

Staff Contact: Laurie Owens 692-6023

#### 4. Consolidated Rental Car Quick Turn Around Facility

Planned Completion Date: Fall 2009

This Airport project is to provide a Rental Car Quick Turn Around facility (QTA). The QTA will be relocated off of the Airline Terminal premises on a 3.4 acre site located at 25 David Love Place. It will function to fuel, perform minor service (oil changes, fluid checks, tire repair, etc.) vehicle washing, and vehicle

Project Cost: \$8,803,000 (Customer Facilities Charge revenue) storage. The Santa Barbara City Council awarded a contract to Pat McCarthy Construction on July 1, 2008. Construction has commenced and will take approximately one year to complete. Construction is ongoing with all the site utilities installed, building walls and slabs completed, solar canopy structural steel installed, and partial site paving completed. Current items of work are the installation of the building roof, the fuel tank slab, storefront windows and doors, and site landscaping.

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#### D COUNCIL / AIRPORT COMMISSION ACTIONS

Council / Airport Commission approved the following recommendations in April:

Recommendation: That Council / Board Members:

That the Finance Committee recommend that Council:

A. Authorize the Airport Director to execute, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, Amendment Number 2 to the Airport Promissory Note dated July 1, 2008, in the amount of \$7.8 million, to extend the maturity date of said promissory note from June 30, 2009, to July 13, 2009;

B. Authorize the Airport Director to execute, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, a \$7.3 million Airport Promissory Note at an interest rate of the higher of 6.5% or the LAIF rate, but not to exceed 9%, and with a 20-year term, to finance the recently constructed Joint Use Rental Car Facility; and

C. Authorize the Finance Director to purchase the Airport's 20-year Airport Promissory Note on behalf of the City's investment portfolio.

Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Relating to the Destruction of Records Held by the Airport Department in the Administration Office.

A. Approve and authorize the Airport Director to execute an attornment agreement between the City of Santa Barbara, as Lessor, H. Oliver Dixon, Inc., as Lessee, and Business First Bank, a Division of Heritage Oaks Bank, as Lender, pertaining to Lease Agreement No. 21,810, dated November 1, 2005; and

B. Introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving an Attornment Agreement Between the City of Santa Barbara, as Lessor, H. Oliver Dixon, Inc., as Lessee, and Business First Bank, a Division of Heritage Oaks Bank, as Lender, Pertaining to Lease Agreement No. 21,810 dated November 1, 2005.

- A. Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute the Second Amendment of Avigation, Noise, and Runway Protection and Navigational Aids Easement between the City, as Grantee, and Santa Barbara Realty Holding Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as Grantor, substituting a Revised Exhibit 6 to the 2001 Easement, at the Airport;
- B. Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute the Grant of Access Easements between the City, as Grantee, and Santa Barbara Realty Holding Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as Grantor, to provide access to the westerly-most Federal Aviation Administration navigational aid; and
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Accepting the Grant of Access Easements on Real Property Known as Coromar Drive and Discovery Drive (Assessor's Parcel No. 073-450-005).

Hold a closed session pursuant to the authority of section 54956.8 of the Government Code to consider instructions to City staff and the City Attorney regarding potential lease negotiations with Cushman & Wakefield and Hayes Commercial Group for a four-acre parcel of real property located at 6100 Hollister

Avenue at the Airport, bounded by Hollister Avenue, Frederic Lopez Road, Francis Botello Road and David Love Place, owned by the City of Santa Barbara (Parcel 22 of the Airport Specific Plan Map [City Parcel Map No. 20,608]). City Negotiators are: Karen Ramsdell, Airport Director; Paul Casey, Community Development Director; Sarah Knecht, Assistant City Attorney.

Adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving an Attornment Agreement Between the City of Santa Barbara, as Lessor, H. Oliver Dixon, Inc., as Lessee, and Business First Bank, a Division of Heritage Oaks Bank, as Lender, Pertaining to Lease Agreement No. 21,810 Dated November 1, 2005.

Approve additional Change Order expenditure authority for Professional Services Contract No. 22,857 with Earth Systems Pacific, due to the discovery of an underground storage tank, for the Santa Barbara Airport Consolidated Rental Car Project, in the amount of \$37,500, for a total change order expenditure authority of \$43,501.28.